

DETAILED ACTION / Claim objections

Claim 1 stands objected to for reciting "the point where the carrying face is interfering with a wafer stacking axis" without antecedent basis.

This informality of claim language is hereby corrected by amendment.

DETAILED ACTION / Claim rejections under 35 USC 102

Claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by US 5,944,476, hereinafter Bacchi.

Independent claims 1, 4 and 6 are currently amended to recite a limitation to "a virtual loading axis having a loading travel that is substantially the square root of the sum of each of the stage's travel squared". This is the further limitation of claims 3 and 5 as originally filed. Therefore, no new matter or new issue is thereby introduced. Claims 3 and 5 are hereby canceled. Since Bacchi does not teach or suggest the quoted claim limitation, Applicant respectfully holds that claims 1, 4 and 6 are in condition for allowance, as are dependent claims 2 and 7.

REMARKS

Applicant has responded to all claim objections and rejections given in this office action. Accordingly, Examiner's reconsideration of, and allowance of, this case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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